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I thrive to be the voice of the community that represents me. Digital access is becoming one of the biggest necessities especially nowadays because of the pandemic. Hence, I want to make sure that I have done everything within my power so my people have equitable access to this necessity.

Hermela Gebregiorgis
MMRTI Youth Leader
Yesler Digital Navigator

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Yesler's Digital
Navigators
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Summer Book BINGO for adults

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TELL US in 40 words or less, what is your favorite reading experience as a result of Book Bingo?

IDEAS? I have an idea for a category next summer:



MMRTI Digital Navigators

Meet the people helping Yesler with technology

MMRTI started working on the Family Digital Navigators Program at the end of 2020. Said Mohammed, Hermela Gebregiorgis, Assaye Abune, Asfaha Lemlem, and Kumelachew Fekede are the navigators team who have been working with Yesler residents to help them better understand the digital world. MMRTI helps families connect to the internet, browse and operate their devices, and use technology for their daily activities. The Family Digital Navigators program reduces cultural, institutional and structural barriers to access and use technology.

This Family Digital Equity Navigators program is funded by the SHA and sponsored by the City of Seattle. The program will provide services for about 60 residents in 2021. MMRTI's priorities are to give Yesler residents access to the internet with a reliable speed, access to devices, and training on basic computer skills. MMRTI has also been busy showing Yesler residents how to do speed tests on their internet, contacting service providers directly to see what their deals for a speed boost look like, and helping residents open library accounts to access other resources

Rahwa's Story

Rahwa is a high school student living in a household of seven people. The majority of her family are students under high school age. All of the students in the family use computers provided by school. Rahwa contacted MMRTI because her internet is slow, so she has trouble attending meetings. MMRTI visited Rahwa, ran a speed test for her internet, and learned that the problem she was having was with her laptop. Even though Rahwa's WiFi was slow, the laptop had problems which made it worse. Now MMRTI is connecting with individuals and organizations who can give out or sponsor laptops to residents like Rahwa.

MMRTI Translates

Did you know that MMRTI also provides translation services? MMRTI works not only in English, but can also work with Yesler residents who speak Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya, and Arabic.

Afaan Oromon Tajaajila Latina!

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نعطي مساعدة بلغة العربية!

"As a digital navigator I take myself as a voice for the people. As a young person from the community, I try as much to help my community reach high standards. At the moment my goal is for them to be capable of doing their daily activities independently without worrying about having access to resources. As a navigator I always make sure the community has the resources it needs, if not it is my job to provide it in any way possible."

Said Mohammed
MMRTI Youth Leader and Coordinator
Yesler Digital Navigator

"Helping us especially with internet and devices access. They help us to measure the speed of our internet. The internet is slow. Just they measure the speed of the internet, and they reach out to the organizations which provide us internet and giving us feedback on what we have to do and what not to."

Omer Idris
Red Cedar Resident





Yesler Terrace Summer Youth Media

2021



The six-week summer program teaches photography, video, editing, communication skills, writing and research, teamwork, and leadership.

Yesler Terrace Summer Youth Media empowers youth to be advocates for their community by equipping them with communication tools for self-representation and community voice.

Ages: 16 - 18
Program Dates:
June 28 - August 5th,
Monday - Thursday,
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Program stipend:
\$1200
Space is limited

Location:
Multimedia Resources and Training Institute (MMRTI)
808 Fir St #135, Seattle, WA 98104
Contact US: 206-696-1381 Email: assayeaa@msn.com



Yesler Development Timeline

Yesler Terrace changes all the time. Look at what we’ve done so far and where we’re going!



We have so much to be proud of here at Yesler Terrace. Once construction is complete, we will have a population density close to 100,000 persons per square mile, making Yesler twice as dense as Seattle's, Belltown and Capitol Hill neighborhoods. Here at Yesler, we can walk, bike, or take public transit almost anywhere in the city. Our parks and green spaces are amazing. We have two P-Patches, plus Yesler Farm, and the Green Street Loop. We have large-scale and small-scale art installations throughout the community. Our buildings are also amazing models of sustainability, with features like low-flow fixtures and rainwater-harvesting systems on our roofs, which saves lots of water. All our residential buildings at Yesler welcome a wide range of people of various ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

YEARS

2011

Yesler Terrace redevelopment plans begin



2012

2013

2014



2015

SHA's renovates Baldwin apartments, home to 15 Yesler households. Kebero Court completed and now home to 103 low-income residents. Privately developed Anthem on 12th Apartments, with 120 apartments, has 30 household with incomes up to 80% of the Area Median income (AMI).

2016

SHA's Raven Terrace completed and includes 83 low-income apartments



2017

SHA's Hoa Mai Gardens completed, with 111 low-income apartments

2018

Batik, developed by Vulcan Real Estate, includes 195 apartments, 39 of which are 80% AMI. Batik is also home to Tougo Coffee, a community kitchen and community spaces are available for block parties, events, and neighborhood gatherings.

2019

SHA's Red Cedar completed with 119 low-income apartments. The Fir Street Pocket Park is completed and includes community-inspired art installations. Cypress, by Vulcan Real Estate, has 237 apartments, 48 of which are designated for households earning less than 80% AMI. There is retail on the ground level.

2020

Emerson Seattle completed with 288 apartments, 76 of which are restricted to households with incomes up to 80% AMI. This year also saw the completion of the last segment of the Green Street Loop, a 1/2 mile circuit that links 3 pocket parks along 8th Avenue, next to the Epstein Opportunity Center. In late 2020, the Yesler Pedestrian Pathway, was decorated with festive holiday lights to bring cheer to our community, challenged and limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021

Lowe Development's 2-building, 544 apartment complex is under construction. 145 apartments will be for 80% AMI households. Su Development's Yesler Towers will break ground this year to bring approximately 352 apartments, 26.5% of which will be at 80% AMI. Yesler Family Housing, at 1215 E Fir Street, is a partnership between the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority and Community Roots Housing, and will build 156 affordable apartments, including 92 units of replacement housing (up to 30% AMI) and 64 units designed for the 60% AMI level. Construction also begins on a 290,000 square foot medical facility.

2022

SHA's Hinoki, now under construction, will feature 136 low-income apartments

2023+

SHA's last buildings are Sawara, which will have 113 affordable units and Juniper, which will have 96 affordable units. Additionally, approximately 320 affordable and 900 market-rate apartments will be built by private developers.



Thank you, Bailey Gatzert & Seattle U!

A shout-out for Yesler’s neighboring elementary school who supported students and families during this difficult year.



With the global pandemic changing every aspect of our daily lives, this has been a very hard year for many people, especially students who have had to learn remotely. Bailey Gatzert Elementary School has done an incredible job of helping families and neighbors this school year!

Highlights of Bailey Gatzert’s community efforts include:

- Holding a virtual town hall every month since September, hosted by a family leaders group called Family Partners!
- Working together to create a communication system so that families could receive messages in their native languages.
- Offering a free school supply cart available every Monday to every BG student!
- Proving thousands of dollars worth of food and emergency supplies available weekly in the Costco room, staffed by dedicated volunteers!
- Hiring a Family Support Coordinator. Welcome Ms. Williams! BG is one of 13 schools in the district able to do so!
- Welcoming back 27% of families to school in person after April 19th!



Vice Principal Ms. Redd has worked hard this year with Together Washington, a coalition of churches and community groups to create food boxes with drive-through pickup managed by volunteers



“It’s a human to human connection. We’re all in... Ask parents what they need. They’ll tell you what they need.”

Ronnie Belle,



Yesler, We Are Still Here!

Of Yesler Terrace’s original residents, most remain here. By the numbers:

- **All 493 original households** received priority for the 561 new replacement housing units.
- **100% original households** relocated successfully
- **259 original households** continue to live at Yesler
- **192 relocated households retain the option** to return to Yesler, but prefer living in their new communities

Let's Get Vaccinated!

We're getting back to life before the virus! Congratulations to those who've been vaccinated and thank you for those helping with the clinics.



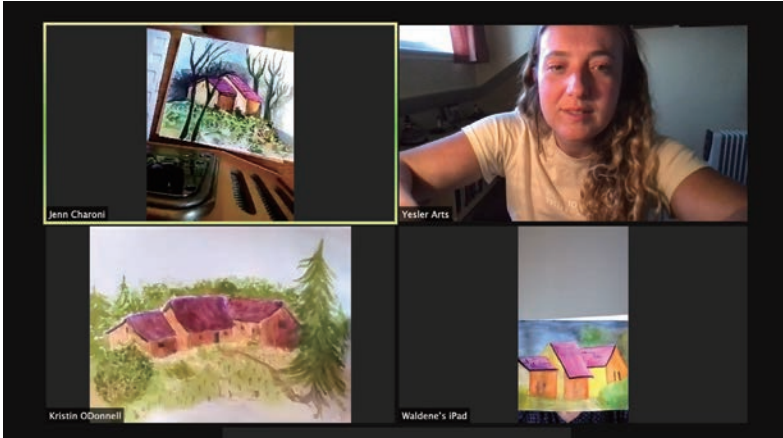
Yesler staff and residents have been receiving COVID-19 vaccinations at Red Cedar. Why get vaccinated? Because the COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19, the vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, and getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you. Let's get back to life before the pandemic with hugs and gathering!



Yesler Creates

Yesler residents enjoy Social Clubs

Check out these watercolor paintings made by residents who meet up on zoom to paint, socialize, and learn from each other! Interested in learning more? Have an idea for an activity you'd like to do with your fellow residents? Talk to Jenn Charoni: jenn.charoni@gmail.com or 253-343-5692



Images above, moving in clockwise direction:
1. tree by Brass Feather
2. owl by Olga
3. pear by Kristin
4. poppies by Olga
5. dog by Brass Feather



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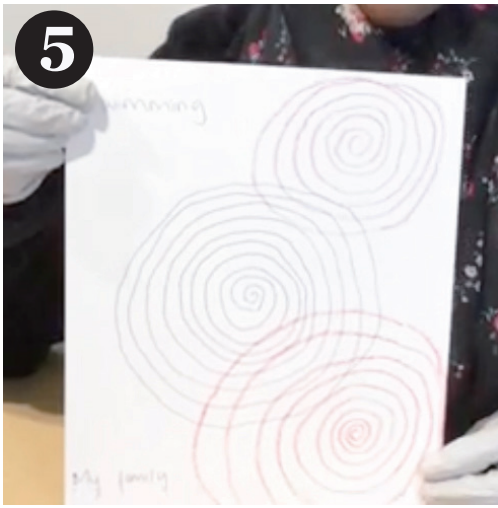
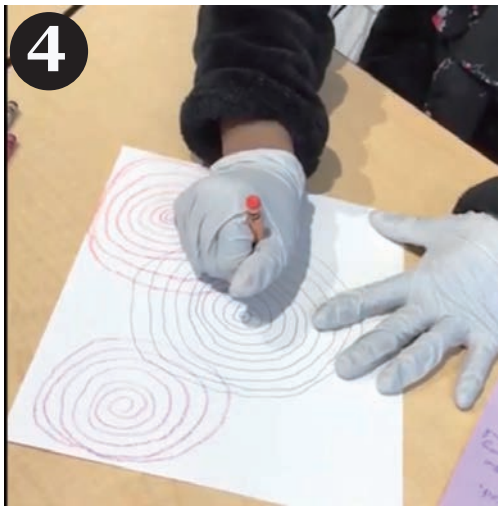
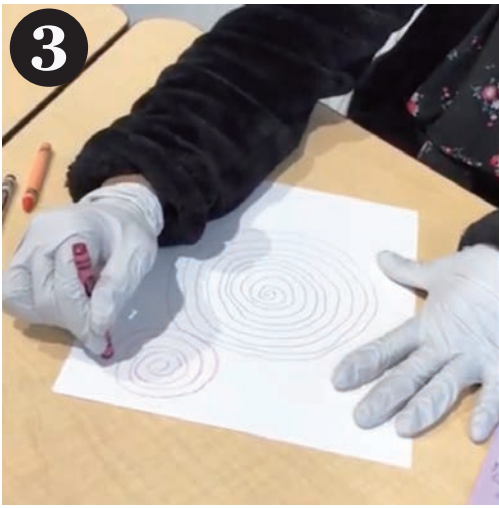
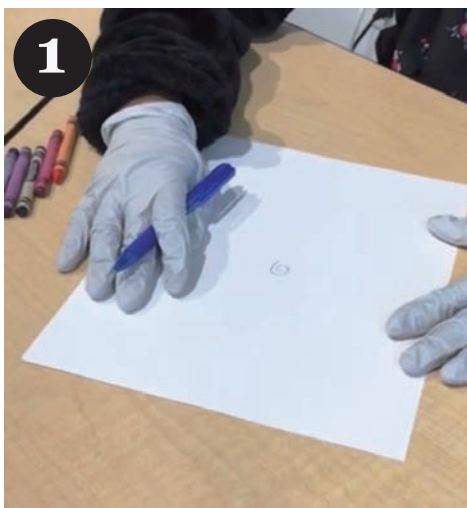
BFI YETI Rohda Yase Spiral Meditations and You

BFI is happy to share a project by Rohda Yase with you that will help you feel calm and ready for other activities, like writing. By drawing spirals over and over again, while breathing in and out, you can change your frame of mind, overcome obstacles, relieve stress, and feel strong in your identity.



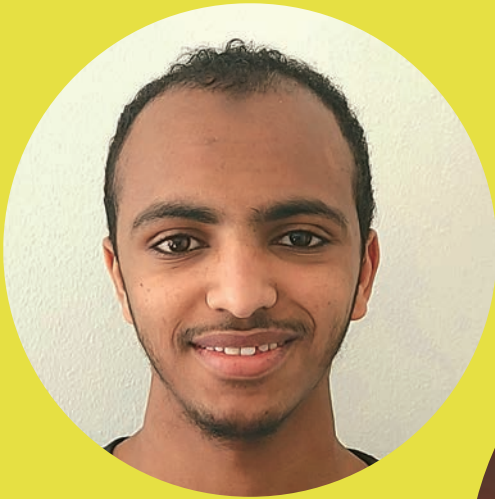
Spiral Meditation Instructions:

- 1 On a piece of paper, you will draw a spiral over and over again. Start in the center. It doesn't have to be perfect. It's okay for it to have mistakes because life is not perfect either. Spirals show our ups and downs. As we go over, we weave in and out. Breathe in and out. Take a deep breath in again and out.
- 2 We're gonna have a calming phrase for each spiral, such as "always remember that things are going to be okay." Take another deep breath in and out; another reminder that things are going to be okay and you're not going to be overwhelmed anymore. Finish the spiral, then start another in the corner.
- 3 Pick a new color of your choice and start a new spiral. Remember that it doesn't have to be perfect. We all feel stressed out at some point, but time will go by and things will get better.
- 4 Grab another color and start small in another corner with another spiral. Take a deep breath in and out. I hope you're starting to feel more relaxed. We will transition to thinking and writing in a little bit.
- 5 With many spirals made, you'll use the empty space on your paper. I'll grab my pen and I want you to think about one thing you're grateful for and write it into whatever space you have. You can be grateful for anything, something you like to do, something that brings you joy. I will write "swimming" because my favorite exercise is swimming. Once you're done, think about these questions: Did this exercise make you feel more relaxed? If so, how? When would you do this exercise? Why is meditation important? To me, it's part of my identity. Why do you think it works for you?



Yesler Scavenger Hunt

How many of these faces and places can you name?



FACES AND PLACES



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